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Amendment to the PFA Rule Relating to Food Labeling and Additives

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Report Highlights:

On October 20, 2009, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare published a draft gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) with a request for comments and suggestions within 60 days from the date of publication. The amendment proposes additional labeling rules for packaged food products containing artificial sweeteners and polyols and establishes maximum limits for the use of specific food additives for various processed food products.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes the proposed draft amendment "Prevention of Food Adulteration (7th Amendment) Rules, 2009. The draft amendment proposes labeling requirements for the use of artificial sweeteners and polyols in foods and sets additional requirements for various food additives permitted to be used in India. The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules are framed within

the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Details on the Final Gazette notification No. 761(E), dated October 20, 2009:

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** October 20, 2009
- **Notification to the WTO:** Not notified to date.
- **Final Date for Comments:** December 18, 2009
- **Effective Date:** On the date of final Gazette notification

Products Affected: Various processed food items

Agency in Charge: Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

Major Changes:

The amendment proposes additional labeling rules for packaged food products containing polyols and artificial sweeteners. It also establishes maximum limits for the use of specific artificial sweeteners in carbonated water, modified starches and polyols in processed foods, hydroxyl methyl cellulose in various foods, anticaking agents in flavors and dimethyl dicarbonate in beverages.

For additional details: Please see the attached text.

The full text version of the PFA Act and Rules can be accessed from:

<http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa%20acts%20and%20rules.pdf>

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